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Helen,

In light of the fact that I am out of the office this week I hope this message will provide you with an adequate monthly update for the UCR project. I wish to confirm that upon my return into the office next week I will present and submit the below listed items for your review and records in a more organized matter. I do apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. Please note that if you have any questions or require any additional information at this time, please do not hesitate to call me at 509.991.0842.

Items submitted over the last month include:

1. Revised BERA work plan. Further to our discussion last Thursday it is my understanding that all the hard copies should have been received by now. If this is not the case please let me know and I will look into it further.
2. Revised surface water quality assurance project plan (QAPP) was distributed to a select few technical reviewers. Field work was awarded to URS Corporation – resumes for key field personnel were electronically forwarded for your information. We are working under the assumption that the revised surface water QAPP will be approved in the near future. As a result, we are taking the necessary steps to ensure that weekly grab samples at the Waneta water quality monitoring station are collected prior to the first site-wide sampling program (i.e., transect sampling) in October. All permit applications have been submitted and at the time of writing, the Spokane Tribe of Indians has given Teck clearance to proceed with the 2009/2010 sampling program. Cindi Seymour of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation has confirmed that the application is moving through the process and that she would maintain a close eye on its progress. The National Park Service has not provided any comment or feed back to date. Teck will continue to follow-up with all participating parties on this matter.
3. The revised fish tissue QAPP was submitted to a limited number of reviewers today, and as is typically performed posted on the secure domain of the UCR project website. All permit applications have been submitted as well.

In addition to the above-listed submitted items, we are working towards preparing materials for discussion on the sediment study design for September 2009. At this time there remains some uncertainty as to the expectations, goals, or format of the aforementioned meeting. Teck will continue to work with EPA on this matter further.

A preliminary review of the draft cultural resources work plan has been completed but we are still in the process of reviewing the document and its associated attachments. Based on the preliminary review, there are items that warrant further discussion or require further clarification. We are hopefully that this can be scheduled during the week of August 17<sup>th</sup> (e.g., 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>)?

I hope this is sufficient at this time and please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Regards,

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